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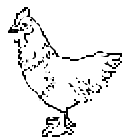
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices trended higher to sharply higher in the major terminal markets when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment for the holiday week was usually reported as fully steady to firm in both local and shipping channels. Retail demand was generally limited to regular seasonal commitments. Demand from fast food outlets was active with some locations not filling orders due in part to the reduced schedules. In the parts structure, trading improved but was still mixed with interest for wings and breast noted as in the best position. Other items were often reported as sufficient for most trade needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 12/23/02-12/28/02 (cents per lb)

AREAS	MAJORITY	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
		(Includes branded product)			
		WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	53.00-55.00	54.00	9	54.97	13
Chicago	46.00-49.00	48.49	41	50.43	75
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	52.06	17
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	60.67	6
Denver	66.50	66.42	13	63.95	19
Detroit	48.00-49.00	48.83	12	53.29	34
Los Angeles	67.00	65.94	53	64.68	114
New York	51.00-54.00	52.29	21	54.65	48
Philadelphia	50.50-52.00	51.64	11	50.43	22
Pittsburgh	50.00-53.00	52.20	10	56.14	56
St. Louis	48.00-48.50	48.05	18	49.30	36
San Francisco	67.50	66.70	33	68.57	60

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	12/23/02	Change/Last Wk	12/16/02	12/24/01
500	57.12	3.23	53.89	55.85

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	53.00-55.00	54.21	32
Central	46.00-55.00	52.99	59
West	55.00-65.00	60.30	49

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	59.00-62.75	61.15	74
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As of January 6, 2003 Cleveland and Cincinnati will be combined into the Ohio Cities Report. The Composite 12 City weighted average will be renamed the Composite Weighted Average and will not be affected.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
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897	46.00-66.00	60.81
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The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	168.00	1,016
BREASTS - B/S	137.00	3,456
BREASTS - WHOLE	66.00	873
THIGH MEAT - B/S	55.00	660
LEG QUARTERS	18.00	6,839
WINGS	51.50	2,571

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity was light to fair and generally centered around normal commitments as dealers remained cautious and selective during this seasonally sluggish period. Offerings of all sizes ranged balanced to tight as holiday down time kept product closely cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was limited. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts and wings were balanced. The remainder of cuts were manageable.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was seasonal moderate as plants reduce processing schedules. Interest was fairly active from fast food outlets. Supplies were in close balance to short of full trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were clearing, wings were irregular, balance of items were generally adequate. Live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were higher. The market tone was firm. Offerings in fair balance to adequate. Sizes trended heavy but were held with confidence. Retailer demand was fair by stores and fairly good by fast food. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarters bulk 19-21.5 and 4/10s 21-21.5, bone-in breast 71-76 and boneless 120-130. The Los Angeles negotiated weighted WOG average was up 6.98 to 56.59 with the volume reported at 32 loads up 3 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Majority prices were 4 to 5 cents higher from last Monday's final. Whole fryer market tone was steady to fully steady. Offers limited for the light buyer interest. Retail demand seasonally light holiday items taking priority. Food service movement moderate best into catering and fast food. Floor stocks adequate to in close balance. Sizes mostly desirable. Supply of part items adequate to close with wings and boneless skinless breasts in the shortest position. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on wings, mixed on breast items, and mostly steady on dark meat items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally light to fair at best. Seller offerings were adequate to tight with smaller sizes in the best balance. Live supplies were about moderate; weight were in a full range of light to heavy, mostly desirable. Processer schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 52 to 63 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, wings were about adequate and clearing. Bone-in breast were in good balance. Other parts were generally adequate for immediate delivery.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARA.

U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	47-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	55.14
NO. OF BOXES	8,125

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was light to fair entering the holiday week as dealers remained cautious and maintained closely balanced floor stocks. Offerings of bone-in breasts were balanced to adequate and boneless skinless breasts were sufficient. Wings were closely cleared. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Retail and distributive draw seasonally light to fair. The market tone was fully steady on bone-in breasts and wings and at least steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	129.94	314,770	
TENDERLOINS	105-110	112.77	58,760	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	61-62	68.18	171,000	
BREAST - LINE RUN	61	62.90	137,160	
LEGS	31-32	30.48	270,620	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	17.83	406,359	
DRUMSTICKS	21-22	27.99	75,180	
THIGHS	20-21	32.71	34,870	
B/S THIGHS	62-63	60.39	68,920	
WINGS (WHOLE)	47-48	53.69	160,360	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.25	35,800	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	32.89	13,240	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	63.39	26,040	

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY WT.	AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,046	1.16-1.26	1.19-1.25	1.22
TENDERLOINS	107	1.02-1.59	-	1.37
BREAST - WITH RIBS	164	58.00-83.00	-	61.99
FRONT HALVES	123	56.00-73.00	-	56.42
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	812	14.50-17.00	15	15.03
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,863	16.00-18.00	-	17.06
WINGS (WHOLE)	123	47.00-59.00	-	47.02
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	1,041	14.00-35.00	-	14.52

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	12/23	12/19	12/19	12/16	12/12
ALA	4,025	3,867	5.10	4,084	5.07
ARK	4,956	5,043	4.86	5,187	4.94
DELMARVA	2,385	2,326	5.09	2,259	5.10
KY-LA-TN	1,750	1,890	4.64	1,910	4.58
MISS	2,857	2,919	5.40	2,948	5.31
NC	2,578	2,552	6.00	2,546	6.01
TEXAS	2,473	2,384	4.80	2,227	4.88
TOTAL	21,024	20,981	5.12	21,161	5.12
MON	21,024 (A)			21,161(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 23-Dec 2002 is estimated to be 31,455,000 down 0.94 percent from a week ago and up 1035.97 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,754,000; last year 2,769,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	520	118.00-140.00	128-132	130.23
TENDERLOINS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	22.00-32.00	22-23	22.91
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	440	13.00-16.75	13-14	13.89
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,000	15.00-22.00	17-19	17.81
WINGS (WHOLE)	305	45.00-52.00	47-49	50.62
WINGS (CUT)	295	60.00-65.00	62-64	62.37
DRUMSTICKS	68	32.00-46.00	-	33.65
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR DECEMBER 23, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

	TODAY'S RANGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
	38.50 - 41.50	39.86.21
		39.82

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 23-DEC-2002 TO 27-DEC-2002 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	116.00 - 134.00	123.00 - 131.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	63.00 - 82.00	63.00 - 69.00
LEGS	25.00 - 33.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	15.00 - 22.00	17.00 - 19.00
DRUMSTICKS	18.00 - 28.00	-
THIGHS	16.00 - 29.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	44.00 - 54.00	47.00 - 49.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 45.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 45.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	79
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	82-86
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	89-91
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	75
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	92-94
	DRY PACK	96-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	
	ICE PACK	92-98
DUCKS		152-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

CHICKEN 20-DEC-2002
 — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00	13.00-15.00	718,000	238,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.00	14.06		
15-20%				
RANGE	-	10.50-14.50	1,720,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		12.01		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

CHICKEN 20-DEC-2002
 — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00	13.00	122,400	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.00	13.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	10.00-13.75	10.50-12.00	1,244,400	489,600
WTD AVERAGE	11.58	11.31		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly fair to moderate for the adequate but reduced offerings. Processing plants were less than normal due to holiday schedules. Finished product supplies were about adequate and clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 23-DEC-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-9.5	8-8.5	8.33
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was TFEWR. Demand for spent hens was light. Most operations chose to curtail or cancel slaughter schedules for the Christmas week. Finished sales had cleared most inventories. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 23-DEC-02

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	PRICES	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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